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Title: IMPROVED IMMUNODIAGNOSTIC ASSAYS USING REDUCING AGENTS



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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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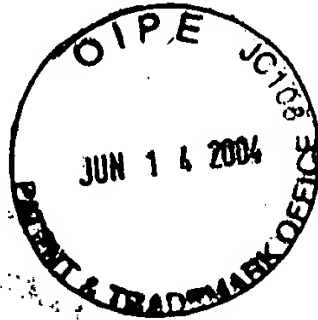
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 15, 2003, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including June 15, 2004, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

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